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Rev. C. C. BROWN, Editor. ALWAYS A RIVER TO CROSS.

There's always a river to tross;
Always an effort to make
If there's anything good to win,
Any rich prise to take.
Yonder's the fruit we crave, Konder the charming scene; But deep and wide, with a troubled tide, Is the river that lies between.

For the treasures of precious worth
We must patiently dig and dive;
For the places we long to fill
We push and struggle and strive;
And always and everywhere We'll find in our onward course

Thorns for the feet, and trials to meet, And a difficult river to cross. The rougher the way that we take The stouter the heart and the nerve, The stones in our path we break,

Nor e'er from our impulse swerre, For the glory we hope to win Our labors we count no loss; 'Tis folly to pause and murmur because

Of the river we have to cross. So, ready to do and to dare,
Should we in our place stand,
Fulfilling the Master's will,
Fulfilling the soul's demand.
Roy the's at the mountains his For the' as the mountains high

The billows may roar and toss, They'll rot overwhelm if the Lord's at When the difficult river we cross.

Signs of the Times.

The Right Rev. Bishop Samuel Fallows, of Chicago; preached in the St. Paul Reformed Episcopul Church there, last Sunday night, upon the "Signs of the Times." He said it was a remarkable fact that the great mass of intelligent, far-seeing business to with pleasure. He went out to men, politicians, and worldly-wise help the men harvest. One of the people generally could not or would not read the signs of the times in their bearing upon that far more important matter—the second coming I guess I'll go home to-morrow." of Christ. A great many of the important events which have happened liking to him, said, "I thought you in modern times were foretold, the speaker thought, centuries ago. He "I was," said the boy, "but I can't believed the events of to-day were stay where anybody swears so; one as pregnant of indications as those of of us must go, I will leave." 1800 years ago. The present condition of Egypt was, to the preacher, "If you will stay, I won't swear." a sign and an evidence of the coming And he kept his word. fulfilment of the prophecy that Egypt Boys, take a bold stand for the would be ruled by the Jews. He right; throw your influence on the considered the domination of England side of Christ, and you will sow the equivalent to that, as it would be a seed the harvest of which you will CRACKED CORN, &c. control in the interest of the Jewish reap, both in this world and that lence and famines were prohesied as Visitor.

this prophecy had been fulfilled. Why Children Stay Away From Meeting.

signs to be seen before the advance

of Christ. The earthquakes in Italy,

the approaching cholera pestilence,

in Asia were the signs to meet these

prophecies. It had been prophesied

that iniquity would abound, and the

Bishop thought the full measure of

and the famines which have prevailed

the boys said that he would take cold if The principal fault lies with parents themselves. There is too little home he went out. discipline of any sort nowadays: A Trudie felt that the air would do poor child who does not want to go to meeting is permitted to stay at home Nero good. This was what Trudie was without any good reason. He thinking so hard about. Finally she "dosen't want to go." He "does not see the use." He "will not go." chief. And so parents allow their children that I can have to keep. to do as they please.

Not, indeed, in reference to public schools are they permitted to choose for themselves. To that they most go, whether they wish to or not. And so they go on. Parents are not afraid to precipdice their children in regard to seculiar studies, but when the attendance at preaching is in question there is no parental authority, or at come out and take the air. But-0 least there is the largest degree of you naughty boy! You'll shake the

Parents are responsible for the absence of the children from the pews and thought very hard for five long on Sunday morning. Let a man reminutes. Then she jumped up, and solve that his family shall be at church an up into the attic as fast as her little and they will be there. My father, feet could run. Poor Nero's tail an active worker in the church, al- stopped wagging. Pretty soon it beways took his children with him. gan to wag again. What for, do you They never thought of neglecting any suppose? Trudie was tying on to his head one of grandma's best night caps? of the church services with which they were connected.

It is not merely authority that is needed at home, but appeal to the around the front yard. How the peochild's conscience.

If a boy expresses disinclination to attend divine service, show him that he owes all that he has to his day Heavenly Father; show him the propriety of keeping up the public recognition of God; show him the divine commands that calls us to the House of God. In ninety-nine cases out of Nero Vernon Digby Wagtail.—Our one hundred, the boy will see the Little Ones. duty in a clear light, and his conscience will lead him to the house of prayer .- Lutheran Standard.

Islam's Death Struggle.

"In the last days," said Mahammed, and happiness. It pays in position unconsciously echoing almost the very and influence. It pays in usefulness words of Scripture, "there shall come and moral good. It pays in social, great trouble and distress, and many mental and moral culture. It pays wars." The grim prophecy is now parents; it pays children; it pays fulfilling itself in the progressive young men and women; it pays downfall of his empire and the terrific Church, State and Society.—Bishop convulsions attending it. This it is Warren. which gives such a formidable significance to the Mahdi's present crusade and other Musselman outbreaks. All alike are single combats in that world- drinking, that distinguished gentleman wide battle which is the death strug- was interviewed the other day, and said: gle of Islam. Of the 110,000,000 ... I used to drink wine and occasionally souls peopling the Moslem world- smething stronger. But, as a matter of i. e., 40,000,000 in British India, 10,- fact, I have been an absolute teetotaler 000,000 in Central Asia, 6,000,000 in for a long time, not even drinking wine hanistan, 8,000,000 in Persia, 5,000,000 in European Turkey, 2,-000,000 in Algeria, 1,750,000 in Tunis and the rest in Arabia, Asiatic Turkey and Equatorial Africa-fully one-half are already either directly or indirectly under Christian control, and the remainder, dreading a similar fate, are girding themselves for the great conflict upon which hangs the destiny of their race and their

It is a grievous error to suppose, as many do, that these scattered milliens have no power of combination. Mohammedanism possesses five secret societies of propagandists, as thoroughly organized and disciplined as any Nihilist association. Every pilgrim caravan to Mecca bears with it the emissaries of one or the other of these gloomy brotherhoods, and Mecca itself is and has long been as fully recognized a place of meeting for Mussulmen plottors as Paris for conspirators of another kind. These stern apostles preach incessantly that Islam is in danger and that its disciples must rise as one man to defend it, while the formidable "Darkawi Society" of Morocco-which, from its savage zeal and persistent advocacy of the most violent measures, may be

held to represent the "dynamite party" of Mohammedanism-goes so far as to meriance openly the Sultan of RELIGION, MORALS AND PHILOSOPHY. Turkey and other Mussulman Princes who have allowed themselves to be swayed by the influence of the accur-

sed "Kafirs of Frangistan" (European

not one fibre of Islam can be jarred

without the shock being felt through

out the whole body. Russia's over-

threw of Turkey, France's annexation

of Tunis, England's pressure upon

Afghanistan, Italy's Red Sea crusade,

are texts which these fierce missiona-

ries never fail to improve to the ut-

most. At this very moment the latest

news from the Soudan is being dis-

cussed in the rice fields of Bengal, in

the bazaars of Candahar, on the

boundless steppes of Central Asia, be-

neath the clustering palms that over-

green standard of the Prophet will

soon be unfurled once more and the

spars of the faithful be red with infi-

del blood. Islam is indeed doomed

What a Boy Accomplished.

A boy who attends one of our Sun-

day Schools went out in the country,

-a visit he had long looked forward

as he could, said to the man, "Weli,

The swearer, who had taken a great

were going to stay all the summer."

The man felt the rebuke, and said:

Trudie's First Patient.

could ever look. You see, she loved

Nero; and Nero, I am sorry to say, had

been fighting, and like Aunt Ruody's

goose, had a "hole in his head." And

he was now lying on his mat as peni-

tent as any little dog could be. He had

lain there for two whole days because

It was a bright, sunny day, and little

"A very old one, please, mamma.

So mamma gave ber little girl a large

What do you think Trudie did?

"Now, Nero," said she, "you must

Trudie sat right down on the floor,

Pretty soon a little girl might be

seen leading a night capped doggy

ple laughed when they went by, and

saw the funny picture? After this

Nero walked out for his health every

suppose she did? She studied to be a

doctor, and learned all about bandaging?

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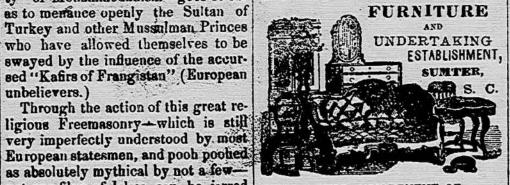
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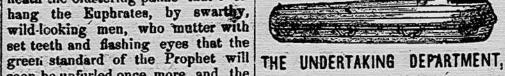
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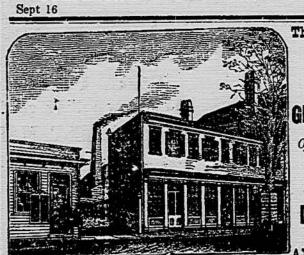
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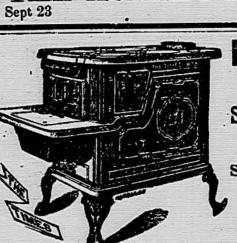
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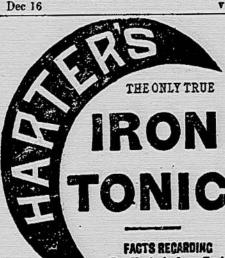
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